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GLADSTONE MAN CHARGED IN LIBERTY, MO., BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Gladstone man was charged in federal court today with the armed robbery of Pony Express Bank in Liberty, Mo.

Daniel E. Woods, 43, of Gladstone, Mo., is charged with robbing Pony Express Bank, 215 North 291 Highway in Liberty, Mo., in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City this morning.

Woods allegedly stole $4,300 from the bank on October 30, 2002, Graves said. According to an affidavit filed in support of the federal criminal complaint, **Woods** walked into Pony Express Bank at about 10 a.m. that day. Approaching a teller, **Woods** allegedly handed her a note that said, "This is a robbery. Give me your 100s and 50s." The affidavit alleges that **Woods** put the money in a zippered bag and left the bank.

Woods' vehicle was stopped by a Liberty, Mo., police officer at I-35 and Poe Avenue in Clay County, Graves said, and he was taken into custody. During a search of **Woods'** 1992 Ford Ranger pick-up, law enforcement officers discovered a zippered bag containing $4,300.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael D. Green. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Clay County Sheriff's Department, and Liberty, Mo., Police Department.

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